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CAJUN CUP 10K RUN

Saturday November 8th, 2008

The annual Cajun Cup run will take place downtown Lafayette at Jefferson and Vermillion Street at 8:05 am. Members of the AARA will again help out by stationing themselves around the track at approximately one mile points around the course to relay runner info back to the command post at the start/finish line and the AARA AMOS van located near Jefferson and Main Street across from the old Federal Building.

Randy Castile N5MLJ is the chairperson for this event, all volunteers should have already signed up and submitted their "T" shirt sizes which will be given out at the November 6th general meeting or on race day. Randy will fill you out on other details at the meeting.

You will need to show up prior to the race at the AMOS van, pick your spot on the race course map, and get to your position before the race starts. We will be using the 146.820 repeater for this event. Have your HT's charged and extra batteries on hand.

As you probably know, free refreshments will be served after the race in the "Parc San Souci" area. Further info can be found at the race website at:

<http://www.cajuncup10k.com>

Everybody have fun and play it safe.

President's Message

Winter is finally upon us, and the weather has been beautiful. The HF bands are really coming alive with activity on most of the lower bands and even the appearance of some signals on the higher bands. 15 meters was open for a good portion of the CQ World Wide SSB contest this past weekend, and brought plenty of DX for those who were on. No more excuses for not being on HF, get those wires up and start transmitting! Use it or lose it the saying goes, so we need activity to show the world that we're still here! The sunspots will return, but in the mean time, lets use all that we have available to us.

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2 meters has been open most mornings and provides great opportunities to work people coming in from all around on the same frequency as our repeaters. Additionally the 440 band has been open to the west with great signals coming from Dallas and westward into Texas. Be on the listen for those stations and welcome them into Lafayette if you hear them.

The Cajun Cup marathon is approaching, please get with Randy to volunteer for it.

Our club Christmas party will be coming up in December, so we'll talk about that at the meeting this month.

Thanks goes out to all who've been helping with the Children's Museum classes. I taught one last week, and they sure are an enthusiastic bunch! Its great to see the young minds so interested in our hobby. Keep in mind when those young ones get on the 2 meter repeater, they surely don't want to hear about our aches and pains. Lets see if we can tailor our conversations to something that they'd be interested in, and minimize the medical talk. Hi Hi.

73 for now and see you at the next meeting.

Charlie
KI5XP

*AARA Meeting—November 6th 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building
101 N. Pat Street, Scott, LA
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM*



*Happy Thanksgiving!
To You And Your Family*

DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday November 6th @ 7:00 PM
 Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
 VE Testing @ 6:00 pm - Door Prizes - Refreshments

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Minden, Louisiana—December 20, 2008

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 Lafayette, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 Lafayette, LA
 Acadia Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
 147.240 pl 127.3 Crowley, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
 145.370 - 600 PL 103.5
 YL/XYL / Filly Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
 147.060 Abbeville, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
 146.820 Lafayette, LA

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50th High School Class Reunion

by Herman Campbell KN5GRK

Well it seems that only yesterday that I graduated from high school. That was back in 1958 at Little Rock Central High School, a lot of memories from the year '57-'58. It was the big integration crisis involving President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus, Arkansas National Guard and 101st Airborne and Little Rock Central High School.

You might ask "what does this have to do with Amateur Radio". I became interested in electronics back in junior high school while taking a industrial arts class. One of my projects was building a crystal set receiver and entering it in a science fair contest, I did not win but had fun in building the radio and entering. The radio parts house was one block from the school and I started building simple projects from radio electronics magazines. When I became a Sophomore in high school, I joined the ham radio club which had about a dozen members and had the club call W5RFS. We practiced our Morse Code and written test each morning before school. I received my Novice license on June 18, 1957, I still have the original copy. We had some old WWII BC-455 and ARC-5 equipment and a long wire antenna hung across the 4th floor wing from the "shack" which is now used for a elevator shaft for handicapped students.

After graduation, I attended Draughn School of Radio and Television taking radio and television repair and obtaining my Radiotelephone 1st Class License. During that time, I let my Novice expire as it was only good for one year and in order to upgrade, you had to pass 13 wpm cw. After completing Draughn, I took a job at KLFY-TV in Lafayette in 1960, most of you know the story from then until now.

On Friday September 26th & Saturday 27th, Little Rock Central High School had their 50th reunion (the first reunion I have attended). I decided I was not going to miss this one, so I signed up and attended. I had a good time and every minute was GREAT.

Friday night included a reception and buffet at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Little Rock. We picked up our registration kits with name badges which included a picture from our Senior yearbook. This was a get acquainted gathering of all the graduates and spouses.

Saturday morning, we met at the Heifer Foundation (heifer.org) for a breakfast/tour of the building. A memorial honoring all those past graduates that are no longer with us during the continental breakfast ceremony. Then a tour of the building and afterwards we loaded into a bus for a tour of Little Rock. The tour included a visit to LRCHS where we were greeted by the principal in the auditorium and a self tour of our school. Boy, the halls looked a lot longer and everything bigger than when I attended school there. That's just a old age playing a trick on me. The school is now air-conditioned and has a elevator for handicapped students.

Saturday night was the highlight of the reunion with a banquet at the Chenal Country Club. Our class president Ralph Brodie led the ceremonies which included a live band playing music of the late '50's. One of my old ham radio club members attended and we had a nice chat, come to find out, he finally received his ham radio license two years ago after 48 years, just goes to show, you are never too old to become a "Ham".



CLANCY LAFLEUR - K5UFO - SK

HENDERSON - Services were held Saturday, October 11, 2008, at 2 p.m., at Melancon Funeral Home in Carencro, for Joseph Clancey Lafleur, 79, who passed away Wednesday, October 8, 2008, at 1:05 p.m., at his residence in Henderson.

Interment was at St. Peter Catholic Cemetery in Carencro. The Rev. Allen Breau, associate pastor of St. Bernard Catholic Church in Breau Bridge, officiated the services.

Clancey was an avid ham radio operator, "K5UFO" and was active in Lafayette and Opelousas Clubs. He was an outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping.

He was employed by South Central Bell and retired from AT&T after 35 years of service.

Survivors include his wife of fifty eight years, Virginia Ramsey Lafleur; five daughters, Fran L. Lajaunie and her husband, Warren, of Breau Bridge, Claudia L. Bernard and her husband, Patrick, of Carencro, Paula L. Knight and her husband, Ronald "RC", of Jarreau, Sheila L. Badeaux and her husband, Glen, of Breau Bridge, and Karen L. Miller and her husband, Huey Jr., of Carencro; eleven grandchildren. Jason and Brannon Lajaunie, Joey and Kathryn Bernard, Sylvia and Brittney Hoyer, Colby and Beau Badeaux, Ashley, Huey III "Trey", and Sara Miller; and thirteen great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Olipsey Lafleur and his mother, Anna Jeansonne Lafleur.



Nick Pugh—K5QXJ Making Great Progress

October 31st 11:29 AM

Many are asking about Nick, K5QXJ, thanks. Great progress, 6 months now, he drove HIMSELF to his office this morning, he was all smiles like a 15 year that just got his driver's license! He is using his cane very little, doing lots of walking and exercising, and the hospital bed will be history soon. He is also doing his CAPE SATELLITE project with UL students, making his Wed lunch bunch with HAMS, helping to teach a HAM radio class at Children's Museum, made it to ribbon cutting for first anniversary at RESTORE for Habitat. Habitat will not let Nick volunteer for any roofing work! He recently walked into mass at Wisdom Church with his cane and several friends almost clapped! This morning he brought me coffee and newspaper in bed, WOW! That was great! We made a 5 day RV trip to Atlanta for AMSAT conference, he got the award for having the most challenges to attend. Nick is playing with his radios upstairs and even got me early one morning to make a radio contact with Richard Garriott, NA1ISS (International Space Station). Richard returned to earth Oct 25. Nick has been following the astronaut back when Richard's father, Owen Garriott, flew space station Skylab in 1973. Life with Nick is an ADVENTURE!

Thanks to all for prayers and support, we are so blessed, and look forward to holiday seasons with so much to be thankful for Nick's recovery.

73's, JoAnn KE5RPL aka THE LADY!

CLARC HAMFEST GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

The winners of the grand prizes at the CLARC Hamfest held on October 11th were:

1st Grand Prize - Icom 718 HF Transceiver went to Paul Scallan, SR. - K5VSH of Lafayette, LA.

2nd Grand Prize - Icom V82 HT went to Mike Canady - N5GJQ of Dry Prong, LA.

3rd Grand Prize - \$500.00 cash went to Diane Trahan of Duson, LA.

4th Grand Prize—Cured Ham went to Scott Wren - KD5DFL of Pineville, LA.

MARA Hamfest

Sponsored by:
Minden Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

Date: December 20th, 2008

Location: Minden Civic Center in downtown Minden, Louisiana

Time: Doors open at 8:00 am

Grand Prizes

1st: Yaesu FT 857 D

2nd: Icom IC 208H dual band mobile

3rd: Yaesu FT 60R dual band HT and a dual band mobile antenna

Coffee, cokes, gumbo, red beans & rice and hamburgers on site. Please come and bring all your members. If you need any more info, please advise.

Dusty N5COL
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MARA website:
<http://www.bayou.com/~k5dlh/mara.html>

**Be a part of Amateur
Radio
GET INVOLVED
HAVE FUN**

One Happy Ham!

Well, I did it! Drove up to the CLARC Hamfest in Pineville Saturday October 11th and took the tests. I have to wait until I'm listed in the FCC's ULS database, but I passed!

Pass on to AARA my thanks for the excellent Tech PowerPoint lessons on their website. That alone jumped up my practice test scores from 80% or so to 90%-95%. And at the exam I scored 100% on the Tech. I did 33/35 or 94% on the General, and barely eeked by on the Extra with 38/50. OK, it was marginal, but I had not counted on passing that one. I was egged on by Jackie KA5LMZ and a friend up in Wisconsin, and started studying for that a few days before. I still don't have the slightest about the voltage over current phase lead when $R=...$ well, you get my drift. I don't think I learned that way back when anyway. Nor do I have a clue how to adjust plate and grid on a tube amp. Last tubes I saw were in my brother's guitar amp. Hah!

I am now trying to figure out all the nearly 100 menus in the Yaesu FT-897 loaned to me with option to purchase. It has a Yaesu power supply built in, LDG AT-897 auto tuner mounted on the side, LDG FT Meter, and not hooked up, an LDG 6 antenna switch.

I received my call (AE5JU) on October 16th and made my very first QSO... with my good friend and Elmer, K9ZW in Manitowoc, WI, 1,016 miles. Is that cool or what?

And I've made a few others over the weekend. I am listed on the FCC ULS site, have gotten two letters from FCC with my FRN number, other letter with password. The actual license still has not arrived, but will probably be here by the time you read this.

I was able to talk with the net in New Iberia last night, on 2m, from here in Morgan City. They said I sounded local, like next door. I cut the power down from 50 w to 20 w, they said I sounded the same. Went down to 8 w, said I had a little crackle in the sound. Back up to 12 w and they said I sounded the same as at 50 w. Amazing! The little J-pole I have is working great, I suppose.

73's

Paul Coats AE5JU



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| 11/08 PAULA | KE5RPD |
| 11/10 KEITH | KE5QKE |
| 11/20 STEVE | KC5UGC |
| 12/09 ROLAND | NA5Q |

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.



OCTOBER MEETING VE TEST RESULTS

Christopher P. Henning of Gonzales, LA passed the Technician and was assigned KE5WOV.

James E. Torres of Clinton, LA passed the Technician and General tests. He is KE5WOW.

The VE's for this session were:

Danny Griffith K5ARH
Greg Dolan K5LFT
Archibald Hill W5AG
Charles Morrison KI5XP
Roland Guidry NA5Q

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Danny K5ARH

**VETERAN'S DAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2008**

November 2008 Special Events & Contests

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| Nov 8 thru 11 | Veteran's Day — Many stations (too many to list) will be on the air in recognition of those who have served and lost their lives in the call of duty. All bands and all modes. |
| Nov 8 | W8F — Anniversary of the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald. |
| Nov 11 | W5KID —USS Kidd Special Event. Baton Rouge, LA |
| Nov 11 & 12 | WW1FWB —90th armistice anniversary at home of the last surviving US Veteran. |
| Nov 15 | K5EOK —Oklahoma Statehood Day from the Territorial Capital Building. |
| Nov 16 | KP4AO —Arecibo Observatory Radio Telescope 45th anniversary, Arecibo, Puerto Rico. |
| Nov 17 | K7NRA —Celebration of the National Rifle Association's 137th birthday. |
| Nov 28 | W1P —110th anniversary of the sinking of the Steamship Portland. |

This is just a few of the Special Events and Contests to list here, please check QST October 2008 pages 82, 90 and 91 for more info or ARRL website.

OCTOBER ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

| NET | SESSIONS: | TOTAL CHECK-INS: | TOTAL TRAFFIC: | TOTAL TIME: Minutes | Net Manager |
|---|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club | 4 | 40 | 1 | 124 | N5LRZ Ray |
| AARA Monday Night Net | 4 | 173 | 0 | 125 | N5LRZ Ray |
| Acadiana ARES Net | 4 | 28 | | 58 | N5LRZ Ray |
| Vermillion Parish ARES Net | 5 | 37 | 1 | 82 | KE5JXC Arnold |
| HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest) | 2 | * 11 M / 8 G | 0 | 69 | KE5JKD Larry |

Lagniappe . . . is something thrown in, gratis, for good measure. --Mark Twain.

Club Officers Nominations

To comply with the AARA Club by-laws, our current president Charlie KI5XP is to appoint a nominating committee for officers for the upcoming year in at the November meeting. This will consist of two (2) members of the Board of Directors and two (2) voting members in good standing from the general membership. The president will designate the Chairperson.

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SkyWarn Recognition Day

The 10th Annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) Special Event will take place Saturday, December 6, 2008. SRD is co-sponsored by the ARRL and the National Weather Service (NWS) as a way to recognize the commitment made by Amateur Radio operators in helping to keep their communities safe. According to SRD Coordinator David Floyd, N5DBZ, Amateur Radio operators can visit their local participating NWS office, working as a team to contact other hams across the world throughout the 24 hour event.

Maybe members of Lafayette SkyWarn Group can get together and operate from the Lafayette Parish EOC. I am sure Bill Vincent and Ed Roy would like to see the equipment being used for this purpose (and it is nice equipment). This will be discussed at the November meeting.

Something New

A new magazine dedicated to ham radio is born!

This might be of great concern for the French speaking hams in Louisiana because it is in French and it's totally free.

On the website you have to subscribe and every week, you'll receive your issue of "HAM-MAG" in your Email, no ads, no pop-ups.



WebSite :

<http://ham.france.free.fr>

Also ecologic : no paper sheet = one tree saved.

Best 73's

Vincent F5SLD

Handiham Assistant Section Manager Appointment

Gary Stratton K5GLS, Louisiana ARRL Section Manager, is soliciting your help in finding a candidate to fill the above position. If you know of someone you would like to nominate, contact that person and see if he/she would be interested.

Requirements:

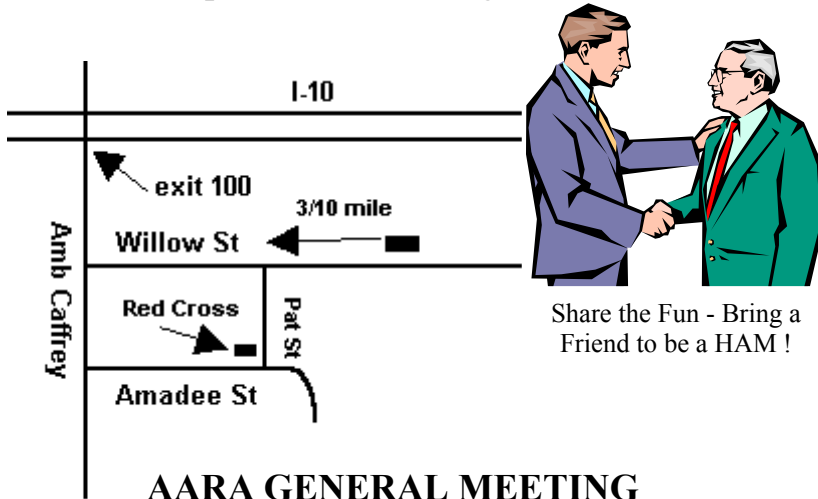
1. Must be a ARRL member in good standing.
2. Must have access to e-mail & internet either personally, family or a friend.
3. Must hold a valid amateur license and a active operator.
4. Must be capable of and willing to generate a organizational charter for a Handiham group or club within the Louisiana Section.
5. Must be willing to solicit membership for the group within the Section.
6. Must be willing to organize activities and report to the LA Section Manager and ARRL.
7. Possible member of the Courage Center Handiham System.

If you know of someone that may be interested and meets qualifications, contact Gary Stratton K5GLS LA SM at:

k5gls@arrl.org

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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday November 6th, 2008—7:00 PM
(see inside)
VE Testing at 6:00 PM
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

COMPLEMENTARY
ISSUE

Pumpkin Cheesecake

- 1 1/2 Cups graham cracker crumbs
3 Tablespoons sugar
3 Tablespoons melted butter
1/2 Teaspoon cinnamon

Topping:

- 1 Cup sour cream
2 Tablespoons sugar
1/2 Teaspoon vanilla extract

Filling:

- 2 (8 oz. each) packages cream cheese, softened
1 Cup half-and-half or whipping cream
1 Cup canned pumpkin
3/4 Cup granulated sugar
4 Eggs, separated
3 Tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 Teaspoon vanilla extract
1 Teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 Teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 Teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 Teaspoon salt

Preparation:

Combine crust ingredients; press into bottoms and about 2 inches up the sides of a 9-inch springform pan. Bake at 325° for 5 minutes.

In a large mixing bowl, combine cream cheese with cream, pumpkin, sugar, egg yolks, flour, 1 teaspoon vanilla, spices, and salt. Beat until smooth. Beat egg whites until stiff; fold into the pumpkin mixture. Spoon batter into crust. Bake at 325° for 1 hour.

Combine topping ingredients; spread over cheesecake and bake 5 minutes longer. Chill thoroughly before serving, and store leftovers in the refrigerator.

Send your favorite recipe to:
Herman KN5GRK
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FCC LICENSE INFO SERVICE

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries - including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or ulscomm@fcc.gov.
Web site:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is: Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245